



Palaro socio-cultural activities bared

TACLOBAN CITY -Side by side with the sports events where the nation's young sports talents would compete, the provincial government of Leyte have also lined up various socio-cultural activities to entertain delegates and visitors alike during the weeklong Palarong Pambansa 2009 hosted by Leyte province and the Department of Education Region 8.

The Palaro committee bared among the scheduled activities is the aqua sport Dragon Boat Race. A Dragon Boat Workshop and Demo will be opened from April 23-26 at the Family Park along Magsaysay Blvd. here while the Dragon Boat Race is set on April 26.

Being a team sport, dragon boat racing promotes not only physical fitness but also camaraderie among its members, Palaro organizers say.

A Subiran Regatta will also highlight the Palaro aqua sports which would be held along Cancabato Bay with start off point at the Family Park. The event is being coordinated by Tanauan Mayor Roque Tiu.

Music and dances would also enliven the nights as many different musical and dance events are set at the RTR Plaza which is being converted into a Palaro Park for the duration of the national sporting event.

These include the concerts featuring the Philippine Army's 8th ID Band and the LeyT Section Band on April 25, Hiphop Night (Battle of Champions) on April 26, Musikahan by the Ambassador of Palo and Men In Stripes on April 27, Leyte Kalipayan Dance Company on April 28, Rakrakan Music that would feature Warak, Bisrock and Local bands on April 29, Gathering of Stars on April 30, the Zarzuela by Leyte Normal University artists on May 1, Musical Dance Drama of Calbayog City on May 2 and another concert by the LeyT Section Band on May 3 all to be held at the RTR Plaza.

Meanwhile, a pre-judging would be held for the Search for Mr. and Miss Palarong Pambansa 2009 on April 25 and the pageant proper of the same on April 26 at the Leyte National High School Gym.

The LNHS Gym would also serve as the venue for the Dance Sport Competition at 7:00 PM on April 27.

The Grand Ceremonial Opening is set on the morning of April 28 at the newly rehabilitated Leyte Sports Development Center and will feature several cultural richness of the province and the region depicted in a saga of song and dance.

Other activities for the DepEd officials, national figures and other VIPs include the Secretary's Night on April 27 at the Leyte Park Resort Pool Villa, the Governor's Night at the Capitol Terrace, the Superintendent's Night at the DepEd Gym, the City Mayor's Night, the Closing Ceremonies and the Paalam Night on May 3 that would both be held at the Leyte Sports Development Center. **(PMRC)**

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